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### Mutual Life Had a News Disseminator

### PAID DOLLAR A LINE

For Real "Good Dope," the  
Price Was Doubled—Writer  
'Fesses Up.

### SENT OUT BY NEWS BUREAU

President of the Metropolitan Life on  
the Witness Stand, When Adjournment  
Is Taken—His Testimony Lack-  
ing in Startling Features of Others.

New York, Oct. 24.—At the session of  
the Legislative Investigating Com-  
mittee today it was brought to light  
that the Mutual Life was paying for dis-  
semination throughout the country of  
reports of the present investigation.

A newspaperman named Smith testi-  
fied that he wrote these reports and  
submitted them to Allen Foreman who  
owns a telegraphic news bureau and \$1  
a line was paid for the service.

The dispatches were sent to about  
100 papers but Smith did not know  
whether or not the papers were paid for  
inserting them. In one dispatch Smith  
wrote that McCurdy's attitude on the  
stand made a distinctly favorable im-  
pression. For this they had to pay \$2  
per line. This, he said, was worth it.

Emery McClintock attorney of the Mu-  
tual while on the stand advocated prac-  
tically no laws for insurance companies,  
except certain supervision to give re-  
ports publicity. He thought the public  
could take care of themselves, and pub-  
licity was the best law.

John R. Hegeman, President of the  
Metropolitan Life was on the stand  
when the session adjourned. His testi-  
mony lacked the startling features of  
the other insurance Presidents, but  
but were nevertheless interesting, es-  
pecially his statement that his company  
paid \$867,000 to industrial policy hold-  
ers in the last year without any obliga-  
tion whatever.

### Policyholders Asked for Suggestions.

New York, Oct. 24.—Grover Cleveland,  
M. J. O'Brien and Mr. Westinghouse,  
stock voting trustees in the Equitable  
Life, today sent circular letters to all  
the policy holders of the company ask-  
ing suggestion as to the selection of  
thirteen directors to be chosen by the  
people.

### GROUND TO DEATH UNDER WHEELS OF A LOCOMOTIVE

Frank Clyde, a Prominent Philadelphian,  
Loses His Balance and Falls  
Under a Train.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—Losing his bal-  
ance as he was about to board a west-  
bound Pennsylvania railroad train,  
Frank Clyde, President of the William  
Clyde Steamship Company and a mil-

lionaire clubman, was dragged under the  
wheels of the locomotive and instantly  
killed.

The body was terribly mangled and  
the face crushed, identification being  
made by means of the tailor's label on  
his clothing.

While Clyde's body was being extri-  
cated from beneath the train, Mrs.  
Clyde, unaware of the tragic end of her  
husband, passed the scene on a train  
coming into the city.

Clyde was 35 years old and married  
only three months ago.

### HART WILLING TO MEET KAUFFMAN IN FINISH FIGHT

Makes Offer Contingent on Kauffman's  
Winning from O'Brien on Friday  
Evening.

Louisville, Oct. 24.—Marvin Hart,  
heavyweight, has accepted the offer of  
Al. Kauffman, for a fight of unlimited  
rounds for a \$15,000 purse. The offer is  
contingent on Kauffman's winning from  
Jack O'Brien on Friday.

Pacific Coast League.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—San Fran-

cisco, 2; Portland, 0.

Los Angeles, Oct. 24.—Los Angeles, 7;

Seattle, 2.

Oakland, Oct. 24.—Oakland, 0; Ta-

coma, 4.

## SUES FOR DAMAGES

First Damage Case Against Iro-  
quois Theatre on Trial.

### TWO WEEKS TO SECURE JURY

Edna S. Hunt, Who Was Badly Injured,  
Seeks to Recover \$25,000—Hundreds  
of Other Suits Brought and Outcome  
of Present Trial Anxiously Awaited.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—After two weeks  
devoted to securing a jury, the first  
damage suit against the proprietors of  
the Iroquois theatre, burned December  
30, 1903, will begin tomorrow before  
United States Circuit Judge Landis.

Edna S. Hunt, who was badly injured  
in the fire, sues the Iroquois Theatre  
Company and the Fuller Construction  
Company, which erected the building,  
for \$25,000.

The plaintiff's attorney declared he  
would show that the building or-  
dinances had been grossly violated. He  
declared there was no flow pipe in the  
room over the stage, the exits were not  
properly marked, there was no auto-  
matic sprinkler, and the appliances for  
extinguishing a fire were grossly in-  
adequate.

Hundreds of other suits, aggregating  
millions of dollars have been brought,  
and the evidence given and the ver-  
dict of the first trial is of momentous  
consequences to all concerned.

Miss Hunt will be the first witness in  
her own behalf.

### SPECIAL RUNS FAST.

Harriman Train Breaking All Previous  
Records.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—The Harri-  
man special train, which left Oakland  
at 3:21 p. m. yesterday, made the fast-  
est run on record between San Fran-  
cisco and Ogden. The overland limited  
makes the run in 26 hours, five minutes,  
while the Harriman train covered the  
distance in 19 hours, four minutes,  
beating the limited by seven hours and  
one minute.

## STEAMER CREW LOCKED UP ON MUTINY CHARGE

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—The British  
steamer *Burmah*, chartered to load  
cargo to Victoria, was towed outside  
this morning with her crew in mutiny  
and locked up in the fore-castle. When  
preparing to weigh anchor, a deputa-  
tion from the fore-castle told the cap-  
tain they did not sign to go to Victoria

and they did not propose to go. The  
men claim they had been deceived as to  
the ship's destination.

When the spokesman went back to  
the fore-castle, the captain ordered the  
men all locked up in their quarters and  
signaled a tug. The ship's officers  
weighed anchor and the tug took the  
vessel outside the heads.

## STRIKERS ARE VIOLENT

### Encounters Between Police and Mobs in Russia

### REFORMS DEMANDED

Several Attempts Are Made to In-  
terrupt Telegraph and Tel-  
ephone Service.

### 8000 RAILROAD MEN MEET

Deputation from Strikers Wait on Count  
Witte and Present Demands—He In-  
forms Them that Some Demands Are  
Unreasonable and Impracticable.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—The Govern-  
ment resumed railroad service on a few  
roads today, but under great difficulty.  
The decision of the railroad men at a  
meeting here tonight was to declare the  
strike an immensely complicated prob-  
lem.

Several attempts were made today to  
interrupt communication by telegraph  
and telephone out of Moscow, and of-  
ficers had to be guarded by Cossacks.

The strike has taken a violent turn  
in a number of cities from which re-  
ports come of encounters between mobs  
and police. The Executive Committee  
of the leagues adopted resolutions de-  
claring the moment favorable for a gen-  
eral strike of all professions and re-  
commends doctors, lawyers, and mem-  
bers of other contingent organizations  
to cease professional activity.

### General Strike Ordered.

At a meeting of 8000 railway men  
held in the University tonight, it was  
decided to declare a strike on all the  
railroads operating out of St. Peters-  
burg, beginning tomorrow. It was also  
decided to send a deputation to Prince  
Hilkoff, Minister of Railways and Count  
Witte, and present to them addresses  
demanding political reforms, included  
among them being a Constituent As-  
sembly, elected by direct universal suf-  
frage. The meeting continued in ses-  
sion until the return of deputations  
about midnight. Prince Hilkoff was not  
seen.

Count Witte received them. He  
pointed out that the address contained  
many demands which could not be re-  
alized in any country and also many  
worthy of attention. He said a Con-  
stituent Assembly was quite impos-  
sible, and contended that suffrage and  
other political demands had nothing to  
do with the question of railroads.

The Count promised that the liberty  
of meetings and of the press would be  
promptly granted and said the contin-  
ued application of martial law to the  
railroads was due to a misunderstanding  
and would be remedied.

He promised to confer with Prince  
Hilkoff as to the best means of dealing  
with the question. At the same time he  
advised the deputation to end the strike,  
and then peaceably formulate their  
demands. The meeting postponed ac-  
tion until the deputation had had an  
interview with Prince Hilkoff.

### WILL BE REAL PREMIER OR WILL NOT ACCEPT

Count Witte Gives Emperor to Under-  
stand that He Will Not Be a  
Figurehead.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—The an-  
nouncement in these dispatches yester-  
day that Count Witte would shortly  
assume active direction of the Gov-  
ernment as Premier and at the head  
of a responsible Cabinet office seems to  
be confirmed.

It can be stated positively that the  
Emperor offered the position of Pre-

mier to the Count, who grounded his  
acceptance on certain conditions. Witte  
is said to have informed the Emperor  
that he would accept the position only  
on condition that he be the real Pre-  
mier and not a figurehead.

According to persistent report the  
Emperor actually appointed Count  
Witte after accepting the conditions.  
This report is premature, but it can be  
said that Witte has been entrusted with  
the task of drawing up a project for a  
responsible Ministerial Cabinet.

Also following the ideas of the Count,  
the powers of the Douma will be broad-  
ened along western lines and franchises  
will be extended.

### SIMPSON'S FUNERAL TODAY

No Religious Ceremonies Over Body of  
the Ex-Congressman.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 24.—The funeral  
of ex-Congressman Simpson will be held  
tomorrow. The funeral will be de-  
livered by Congressman Murdock,  
and there will be no religious cere-  
monies. The Scottish Rite ritualistic ser-  
vice for thirty-second degree Masons  
will be given in full. Thousands of per-  
sons passed through the reception hall  
of the Scottish Rite Temple today,  
where the body lay in state.

## WRITES OF CANAL

Letter of Isam Randolph, Engi-  
neer Made Public.

### TEN YEARS TO COMPLETE IT

Twenty-four Thousand Men Will Be Re-  
quired in the Various Departments  
to do Work—Millions of Dollars  
Worth of Machinery Along the Canal

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—The Isth-  
mian Canal Commission today made  
public an interesting letter written by  
Isam Randolph, member of the Board  
of Consulting Engineers, who recently  
made the trip to Panama, to Ziena R.  
Carter, President of the sanitary dis-  
trict of Chicago. In view of the publi-  
cation of the letter by the Commission,  
it may be regarded as semi-official.

Randolph believes the canal will be  
completed before 1915. He says that  
when the equipment is on hand and or-  
ganization perfected, at least 24,000  
men will be required in the various de-  
partments.

The source of labor so far has been  
Jamaica, but they are only about 25  
per cent as efficient as the average la-  
borer of our country. Moreover, if a  
foreman undertakes to get a fair day's  
work out of them, they quit and go on  
to the next camp, where they are sure  
of work. This establishes a sort of in-  
dependence which tends to lead to abso-  
lute worthlessness.

He remarks that about \$30,000,000  
worth of French machinery clutters up  
the whole line of the canal, adding that  
if the money spent by the French had  
been directed in proper channels, it  
would be the mission of this country to  
enlarge instead of build a canal. He  
pronounces as manufactured, the recent  
statements of disagreements among the  
consulting engineers, and says no state-  
ments will be given out until the re-  
ports are completed.

### SENTENCED FOR FORGERY.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 24.—W. A. Har-  
rison, charged with having forged \$700-  
000 worth of bills of lading, and ob-  
taining money on them, was found  
guilty by a jury tonight and sentenced  
to five years in the penitentiary. The  
forgeries were committed a year ago.

### GRAND JURY INSTRUCTED.

Moscow, Ida., Oct. 24.—The Grand  
Jury was instructed by Judge Beatty  
this morning. When court convened,  
Kettenbach, Kester, Dwyer and O'Keefe,  
under indictment for land frauds en-  
tered pleas of not guilty and asked that  
a date be set for trial. The Govern-  
ment objected and this point is to be  
taken up tomorrow.

## BUSY DAY FOR PRESIDENT

### Addresses Colored Stu- dents at Tuskegee.

### RECEPTION AT SCHOOL

Roosevelt Concludes a Strenuous  
Day in Alabama With Visit  
to Birmingham.

### WINNING OVER SOLID SOUTH

Delivers an Address to Great Throng  
Under the Shadow of the First Cap-  
ital of Confederacy—Young Ladies  
Present Badge to the Chief Executive

Birmingham, Oct. 24.—President  
Roosevelt concluded a strenuous day in  
Alabama with a two hour's visit at  
Birmingham, where a reception in keep-  
ing with those at Montgomery and  
Tuskegee, soul stirring and hearty, was  
given him.

The first stop of the day was at Tus-  
kegee where visits to the Tuskegee Nor-  
mal school and Methodist Female Col-  
lege was crowded into a little less than  
two hours. He arrived in Montgomery  
precisely at noon. Here he spoke to a  
great throng under the shadow of the  
Confederate's first capital. A few min-  
utes before 5 o'clock President Roose-  
velt reached Birmingham, and until the  
train left at 6:45, the President was  
cheered at every turn.

The entire line of march was packed  
with people and the president was kept  
on his feet acknowledging continuous  
outbursts of enthusiasm.

Following the President's speech, ex-  
Governor Johnson presented to Presi-  
dent Roosevelt, several young ladies, de-  
scendants of Confederate soldiers, who  
presented the President with a badge  
from Camp Hardee.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Oct. 24.—  
President Roosevelt reached the grounds  
of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial  
Institute this forenoon. The President's  
train was brought directly into the  
grounds of the Institute over its private  
tracks.

From midnight until this morning  
great crowds of country people, white  
and black, were arriving from all sec-  
tions surrounding Tuskegee. A motley  
assortment of vehicles brought hun-  
dreds of persons. They were allowed to  
come into the Institute grounds, where  
the President saw the collection and  
seemed amused by the sight.

The President was received by Prin-  
cipal Booker T. Washington and mem-  
bers of the faculty and the Institute  
Board of Trustees. He then entered a  
carriage made by the students of the  
school and drawn by horses raised at  
the school and driven by a student in  
the school uniform. Four other car-  
riages, also made by the students, in  
which were seated other members of  
the President's party followed.

The party proceeded immediately to

an elaborately decorated stand in front  
of the office building, surmounted by  
the President's flag. From this point  
he viewed the educational and industrial  
parade, upon the preparation of which  
the students and faculty have been at  
work for several weeks.

The President later visited the fair  
grounds, and at 7:30 departed for  
Memphis.

### MORGAN AND PERKINS ARE NOW IN RUSSIA

Probability Is That They Seek Indus-  
trial Concessions in Connection  
With Loan.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—J. Pierpont  
Morgan, Jr., and George W. Perkins  
were presented to Foreign Secretary  
Lamsdorff by Charge d'Affairs Eddy to-  
day.

It can be definitely stated that no  
industrial concessions will be granted in  
connection with the big Russian loan  
which is being negotiated. Each of the  
foreign banking groups will be on abso-  
lutely the same footing. The Ameri-  
cans do not seem to be particularly  
pleased with the terms offered by the  
Russian Government. The extent of  
their participation is still problematical.

## ROGERS' CLOSE CALL

Oil Magnate's Special Train Hit by  
Runaway Cars.

### HE IS THROWN FROM BERTH

Ten Freight Cars Break Away from an  
Engine and Coast Down Hill—Air is  
Applied in Time to Save People on  
Special—Rogers' Head Is Injured.

Leavenworth, Kas., Oct. 24.—Henry  
H. Rogers, traveling on a special train,  
while standing in the yards here tonight,  
narrowly escaped serious injury. Every-  
one on the train was severely shaken  
up and several panes of glass were  
broken by a collision with ten run-  
away freight cars.

The cars, which had broken away  
from the engine, coasted down toward  
the oil magnate's train with rapidly in-  
creasing speed.

The trainmen, not knowing that the  
cars were detached from the engine,  
signalled it to stop, but this had no  
effect and just as the men in the ca-  
boose were warned and the air applied,  
the cars struck the Rogers special.

The heavy construction of the Pull-  
mans saved the lives of the party.  
Rogers, who was asleep, was thrown  
across the berth, and struck his head  
against a partition, injuring him slight-  
ly.

### WASHINGTON BOY SHOT WHILE ROBBING SALOON

Fred Wright Claims That He Had Been  
Buncoed and Only Wanted His  
Money Back.

Spokane, Oct. 24.—While attempting  
to rob a saloon at Hutton, Washington,  
last night, Fred Wright, an 18-year-old  
boy, was shot in the abdomen and se-  
riously injured by the proprietor of the  
saloon. The robber escaped, but was  
recaptured and taken to the hospital.

The boy says he did not intend to  
rob anyone, but to recover \$75, which  
he said he had been robbed of in the  
resort.

## SANTIAGO DE CHILE IN THE HANDS OF RIOTERS

Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic,  
Oct. 24.—A dispatch from Santiago de  
Chile, says that about 50 persons were  
killed and 500 wounded during the re-  
cent rioting there. It is hoped that  
order will be restored today.

The disturbances were caused by the  
opposition of the people to the import  
tax on Argentine cattle and did not

cease until last night, when a small de-  
tachment of troops arrived and a few  
shots were fired. The people of Santi-  
ago have just witnessed the most  
shameful occurrences in the city's his-  
tory.

Almost everything that could be de-  
stroyed was wrecked, including the city  
lamps, monuments and windows every-  
where.